(b) No, Sir. The medical reimbursement claims of CGHS pensioner beneficiaries are normally cleared within 4 to 6 weeks time except in those cases which involve relaxation of rules; require the opinion of the Expert Committee; or in the event of budgetary constraints.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Decentralisation of issuing drug related approvals

1315. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is move to decentralize the issuance of form 10/ test licences and other related approvals from the Drug Controller's Office;

(b) if so, the system in place to monitor the process and provide better centralized assistance to the firms; and

(c) whether Government have considered all angles before taking a decision on this decentralization issue?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) At present there is no proposal to decentralize the issuance of Form 10/Test Licence and other related approval from the office of the Drugs Controller General (India).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

AIDS scare in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu

1316. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest report of WHO, four million to five million people are infected with HIV in India and UNAIDS-WHO report speaks to "serious epidemics" underway in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and